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SUBJECT: TENSIONS LESSEN OVER CAMBODIAN DRAFT-EVADER ROUNDUP

REF: CAN THO 0066, 0068, 0073, 0075

1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CAMBODIAN MONKS AND GVN OFFICIALS
INBAC LIEU AND VINH BINH PROVINCES HAVE EASED TENSIONS
WHICH LED TO AT LEAST SIX DEATHS AND SCORES WOUNDED SINCE
FEBRUARY 19. IN BAC LIEU THE SITUATION HAS BEEN CALM SINCE
FEBRUARY 27 WHEN THE PROVINCE CHIEF AGREED TO WITHDRAW GVN
FORCES SURROUNDING PREY CHOP PGODA (VINH CHAU DISTRICT).
IN VINH BINH (P) TWO MORE MONKS WERE KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED ON MARCH 1 WHEN LARGE CAMBODIAN GROUP ATTEMPTED TO
ENTER THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF PHU VINH. IN NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH BEGAN MARCH 1 AND ENDED MARCH 3, THE PROVINCE CHIEF
AGREED TO ALLOW 29 OF 152 DETAINEES TO RETURN TO THE PAGODAS
WITH DEFERMENTS AS MONKS. CAMBODIAN PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP
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IN TURN AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM HOLDING PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS

IN PHU VINH CITY. GVN BARRICADES ARE STILL IN PLACE AROUND CITY WITH POLICE CONTROLLING TRAFFIC ON MAIN ROADS. CHIEF MONK OF PHU VINH REPORTEDLY HAS RETURNED TO SAIGON AGAIN SEEKING AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE NEGOTIATIONS SEEM TO HAVE DAMPENED TEMPERS, INFLAMABLE BASIC ISSUES OF THE DRAFT STATUS OF CAMBODIAN MONKS AND THE RIGHT OF GVN FORCES TO ENTER PAGODAS TO ARREST DRAFTDODGERS HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED. AS LONG AS THESE MATTERS REMAIN UNSETTLED THERE CONTINUES TO BE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER TROUBLE.

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